(b) to (d) The import of ATF is permitted under Special Import Licence. The review of IMPORT] EXPORT POLICY is an ongoing process.

Accelerated programme for oil exploration

1398. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position about implementation of the Rs. 6500 crore Accelerated Programme for Oil Exploration (APEX) intended to make up for the petroleum exploration efforts;

(b) what are the achievements made under this programme, so far vis-a-vis the targets prescribed;

(c) whether the recent evaluation of APEX by the Planning Commission has shown considerable slipping!" in seismic survey planned for 1994-95; and

(d) if so, what are the results of evaluation and what remedial steps Government have taken or propose to take to adhere to the prescribed targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The achievement under the various activities has been as below:

	Target	Achievement
2 D Seismic (SLK)	45,965	44,272
3 D Seismic (SSK)	19,032	21,123
Exploratory Drilling (000 metre)	560.79	491.65

Whereas the target for departmental work has been exceeded, there has been a slippage in the work done through contracts. Measures taken to expedite work include early finalisation of contracts, replacement of damaged charter hire rig, cheok-up| overhaul of critical rig components, etc

बिहार में अनधिकृत गस कनेक्शन

1399. **श्री आस मोहम्मद :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान बिहार में प्रत्येक वर्ष रसोई गैस के कितने अनधिकृत कनक्शनों का पता लगाया गया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने ऐसे अनधिकृत कनेक्शनों का नियमित कर दिया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) बिहार राज्य में गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान अनधिकृत एल०पी०जी० कनैक्शन नों के कथित मामलों के बारे में पता नहीं चला है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Letters from Members of Parliament

1400. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Un-Starred Question 5742 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 1994 and state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that replies to 1406 letters received in the Ministry from Members of Parliament in 1993-94 were not sent;